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Re: High-Wind Fugitive Dust Mitigation Plan Periodic Revision for Doña Ana and Luna Counties, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 51.930(b)(3), the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) submits for your review the enclosed High-Wind Fugitive Dust Mitigation Plan (DMP) for Doña Ana and Luna County.

The annual recurrence of natural high-wind dust events in these counties causing exceedances of the PM₁₀ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) sets forth the dust mitigation plan requirements of section 51.930(b)(1). Although no major change to the original dust mitigation plan was made, the periodic revisions requirements of section 51.930(b)(2) - *Plan components* have been met. NMED strives to not just be in compliance with the Exceptional Events Rule (40 CFR Part 50.14) to ensure that a nonattainment designation or reclassification is not applied to areas where uncontrollable emissions cause or contribute to an exceedance of the NAAQS, but to minimize the harmful health effects of particle pollution on the most vulnerable citizens of Doña Ana and Luna Counties.

If you or your staff have any questions or comments, please contact Armando Paz of my staff at (575) 449-2983 or armando.paz@state.nm.us.

Respectfully,

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Enc: Dust Mitigation Plan Periodic Revision – Doña Ana and Luna Counties, New Mexico